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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 February 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 27 February 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

This action is in response to the original filing of February 27, 2004. Claims 1-18 are pending and have been considered below:

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Schmidt Jr. et al (US 6778642 B1).

Claims 1 and 10: Schmidt discloses a program product and method for execution on a communications device for receiving, storing and displaying messages from different communications channels,

the communications device being capable of executing a plurality of message applications, each message application being associated with one of the

communications channels and being executable to store and display messages received from the associated communications channel,

the program product comprising a medium having executable program code embodied in said medium, the executable program code comprising a collating application,

the executable program code comprising a collating application being executable on the communications device for dynamically retrieving messages stored by the plurality of message applications, said retrieved messages meeting one or more matching criteria, and for displaying a listing of the retrieved messages in a single view on the communications device (Column 5, Lines 26-37) makes reference of communication devices, (Column 2, Lines 17-29), and (Column 6, Lines 12-25).

Claims 2 and 11: Schmidt discloses a program and method as in claims 1 and 10 above, in which the executable program code and method further comprises program code executable on the communications device for enabling a user to specify the matching criteria (Column 3, Lines 65-67), (Column 4, Lines 1-10), (Column 7, Lines 15-23).

Claims 3 and 12: Schmidt discloses a program and method as in claims 2 and 11 above, in which the executable program code and method for enabling a user to specify the matching criteria comprises executable program code for enabling the user to specify the matching criteria used to match entries in an address book maintained by the communications device (Column 7, Lines 15-23) (Figure 5). Figure 5 shows an address book icon in addition to personal, client, and family icons respectively.

Claims 4 and 13: Schmidt discloses a program and method as in claims 3 and 12 above, and the specified matching criteria comprising a name associated with one entry in the address book (Figure 5). Figure 5 shows an address book icon in addition to personal, client, and family icons respectively.

Claims 5 and 14: Schmidt discloses a program and method as in claims 1 and 10 above, in which the executable program code and method further comprises program code executable on the communications device for displaying a defined icon representing the matching criteria (Column 2, Lines 17-24) (Figure 5).

Claims 6 and 15: Schmidt discloses a program and method as in claims 1 and 10 above, in which the executable program code and method further comprises program code executable on the communications device for displaying a first defined icon representing the matching criteria when the communications device is in receipt of no unread messages meeting the matching criteria and for displaying a second defined icon representing the matching criteria when the communications device is in receipt of at least one unread message meeting the matching criteria (Column 3, Lines 66-67), (Column 4, Lines 1-10).

Claims 7 and 16: Schmidt discloses a program and method as in claims 1 and 10 above, in which the executable program code and method further comprises program code executable on the communications device for enabling a user to select between alternative views for presenting the listing of the retrieved messages (Column 2, Lines 54-67), (Column 3, Lines 1-7), (Column 6, Lines 13-39).

Claims 8 and 17: Schmidt discloses a program and method as in claims 1 and 10 above, in which the executable program code and method further comprises program code executable on the communications device for displaying a listing of the retrieved messages in sub-lists under displayed headings, each heading reflecting the communications channel on which the messages in the associated sub-list were received by the communications device (Figures 5-8).

Claims 9 and 18: Schmidt discloses a program and method as in claim 8 and 17 above, in which the executable program code and method further comprises program code executable on the communications device for enabling a user to launch the message application associated with one of the communications channels by selecting one of the displayed sub-list headings (Column 2, Lines 30-42), (Figures 5-8).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sherrod Keaton whose telephone number is 571) 270-1697. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. thru Fri. and alternating Fri. off (EST).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, JAMES MYHRE can be reached on 571) 270-1065. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-3800.

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